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A. Statement of Planning Objectives

The plan objectives are to inventory abandoned mine lands (AML) to set priority of closure necessary for public safety while protecting habitat and cultural resources. These AML features include open shafts and adits that present a potential safety hazard to the recreating public. Many of these adits and shafts provide important roosting habitat for bats. Most of the AML sites are in heavy recreational use areas and need to be sealed off or place bat compatible gates on them to prevent off-road vehicles from riding into these unsafe features.

BLM public lands in California have legacies of abandoned mines that pose hazards to human health and life. The BLM Bishop Field Office follows BLM national policies that aim to remove these abandoned mine hazards from public lands.

B. Relation of Proposed Project to OHV Recreation

To reduce risk of injury and harm to people enjoying OHV recreation or accessing sites where abandoned mine sites remain on BLM lands. The concern about rider safety around abandoned mines is real and immediate. There has been an increase of deaths and accidents over the past three years from riders falling into unsafe mine shafts. Travel in the lower elevations of the foot hills is in steep slopes and brush is usually obscuring the view of these openings. The ground around abandoned mines is frequently unstable and may cave in under the weight and force of traveling vehicles, for example.

Inventory of AML sites begins with bat surveys to document the presence or absence of colonies of rare bat species throughout a year, all seasonal life stages, is essential for the abandoned mine specialist and the Department of Conservation to prescribe the appropriate type of closure for abandoned mines to protect rare bat habitat while reducing hazards to the OHV riding public and other visitors to the public lands.

C. Statement of Activities

Conduct 4 season surveys for Coto maternity colony at Blind Spring Hills- 3days

Warm season surveys at Yaney, So. Belle, Gar Watts and Round Valley Mines.-7 days.

Conduct 4 season surveys for Tungsten Blue, Jack Rabbit and Lil shot mines-5 days.

Conduct 4 season surveys at two new sites in So. Inyo area.

D. List of Reports

Final Biological Report - Data from the biological surveys reports will be prepared and provided to the Division.

Each report will describe mine sites within the priority areas identified that pose significant risk to human health and safety. Components of the biology reports should contain: name of mine, date surveyed, utm location, county, mountain range, type of feature, survey type (internal or external), wildlife presence or absence, wildlife type, visible hazmat, accessibility, and remediation recommendations.

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1. Timeline for Completion

Attachments:

[Timeline](#)

2. Optional Project-Specific Application Documents

3. Optional Project-specific Maps

Project Cost Estimate for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2008/2009
Agency: BLM - Bishop Field Office
Application: Planning

6/2/2009

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APPLICANT NAME :	BLM - Bishop Field Office		
PROJECT TITLE :	Planning	PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :	
PROJECT TYPE :	<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input type="checkbox"/> Development <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Operations <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration		
PROJECT DESCRIPTION :	<p>The plan objectives are to inventory abandoned mine lands (AML) to set priority of closure necessary for public safety while protecting habitat and cultural resources. These AML features include open shafts and adits that present a potential safety hazard to the recreating public. Many of these adits and shafts provide important roosting bhabit for bats. Most of the AML sites are in heavy recreational use areas and need to be sealed off or place bat compatible gates on them to prevent off-road vehicles from riding into these unsafe features.</p> <p>BLM public lands in California have legacies of abandoned mines that pose hazards to human health and life. The BLM Bishop Field Office follows BLM national policies that aim to remove these abandoned mine hazards from public lands.</p>		

	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
DIRECT EXPENSES							
Program Expenses							
1	Staff						
	Other-Geologist	80.000	65.000	HRS	0.00	5,200.00	5,200.00
	Other-Volunteers	360.000	18.000	HRS	0.00	6,480.00	6,480.00
	Other-Student Temp	80.000	26.000	HRS	0.00	2,080.00	2,080.00
	Total for Staff				0.00	13,760.00	13,760.00
2	Contracts						
	Other-Wild Biologist	1.000	15000.000	EA	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00
3	Materials / Supplies						
4	Equipment Use Expenses						
5	Equipment Purchases						
6	Others						

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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
7	Administrative Costs						
Total Program Expenses					15,000.00	13,760.00	28,760.00
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES					15,000.00	13,760.00	28,760.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES					15,000.00	13,760.00	28,760.00

Project Cost Summary for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2008/2009
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6/2/2009

	Line Item	Grant Request	Match	Total	Narrative
DIRECT EXPENSES					
Program Expenses					
1	Staff	0.00	13,760.00	13,760.00	
2	Contracts	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	
3	Materials / Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4	Equipment Use Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	
5	Equipment Purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00	
6	Others	0.00	0.00	0.00	
7	Administrative Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total Program Expenses		15,000.00	13,760.00	28,760.00	
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES		15,000.00	13,760.00	28,760.00	
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ITEM 1 and ITEM 2

ITEM 1

- a. ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(Please select Yes or No)

ITEM 2

- b. ITEM 2 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(Please select Yes or No)
- c. The Application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No
- d. Other. Explain why proposed activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. DO NOT complete ITEMS 3 – 9
Survey only. No ground disturbing activities would occur.

ITEM 3 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands

ITEM 4 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project

ITEM 5 - Soil Impacts

ITEM 6 - Damage to Scenic Resources

ITEM 7 - Hazardous Materials

Is the proposed Project Area located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (hazardous materials)? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project site, the level of hazard and the measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the hazards.

ITEM 8 - Potential for Adverse Impacts to Historical or Cultural Resources

Would the proposed Project have potential for any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the potential impacts and for any substantially adverse changes in the significance of historical or cultural resources and measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the impacts.

ITEM 9 - Indirect Significant Impacts

CEQA/NEPA Attachment

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1. Project Cost Estimate - Q 1. (Auto populates from Cost Estimate)

1. As calculated on the Project Cost Estimate, the percentage of the Project costs covered by the Applicant is 3

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ 76% or more (10 points) ☐ 51% - 75% (5 points)
☒ 26% - 50% (3 points) ☐ 25% (Match minimum) (No points)

2. Planning Project - Q 2.

A Planning Project - Page 1

2. The Planning Project would address the following 2

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

- ☐ Potential effects of OHV Recreation on special-status species habitats
☐ Potential effects of OHV Recreation on cultural resources
☐ Potential effects of OHV Recreation on soil conditions
☐ Potential effects of OHV Recreation on water quality
☐ Potential effects of OHV Recreation on other recreation uses
☐ Potential effects of OHV Recreation on adjacent lands.
☐ Potential impact to relationships between OHV Recreation and local residents
☒ Toxic or hazardous materials within a Project Area or adjacent property that may impact OHV Recreation
☒ Trail issues such as traffic patterns, trails closures, appropriate uses, etc.

B. Planning Project - Page 2

Explain each statement that was checked

Health and safety issue. If we do not gate or fill in open mine shafts we would need to close the access to the mine. This could impact loop systems.
Mines can contain toxic or hazardous materials.

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ 6 or more items checked (4 points) ☐ 4 to 5 items checked (3 points)
☒ 2 to 3 items checked (2 points) ☐ 1 or no items checked (No points)

3. Motorized Access - Q 3.

3. The Project would lead to improved facilities that provide motorized access to the following nonmotorized recreation opportunities 6

(Check all that apply) Scoring: 2 points each, up to a maximum of 6 points (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Camping ☒ Birding
☒ Hiking ☒ Equestrian trails
☒ Fishing ☒ Rock Climbing
☐ Other (Specify)

4. Public Input - Q 4.

4. The Project proposal was developed with public input employing the following 1

(Check all that apply) Scoring: Maximum of 2 points (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Meeting(s) with the general public to discuss Project (1 point)
- ☐ Conference call(s) with interested parties (1 point)
- ☐ Meeting(s) with stakeholders (1 point)

Explain each statement that was checked

Public meetings with the communities in Inyo and Mono counties to discuss hazards and remedies of open mine shafts.

5. Stakeholder Input - Q 5.

5. If the Project were approved, the planning process would incorporate substantial stakeholder input: 0

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ No (No points) ☐ Yes (5 points)

If 'Yes', explain, specifically, how it would be 'substantial'. Identify stakeholders

6. Utilization of Partnerships - Q 6.

6. The Project will utilize partnerships to successfully accomplish the Project. The number of partner organizations that will participate in the Project are 2

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ 4 or more (4 points) ☒ 2 to 3 (2 points)
☐ 1 (1 point) ☐ None (No points)

List partner organization(s)

Bat Conservation International; California Department of Conservation-abandoned mine lands unit and Maturango Museum Ridgecrest.

7. Sustain OHV Opportunity - Q 7.

7. The Planning Project sustains OHV Opportunity in the following manner 3

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

- ☐ Project will develop management plans for existing OHV Opportunity (4 points)
- ☐ Project will complete environmental review for an OHV Development Project (3 points)
- ☒ Project supports development of OHV Opportunities adjacent to population centers (3 points)
- ☐ Project supports development of OHV Opportunities in areas that lack legal OHV Opportunity (2 points)
- ☐ Project will develop a system of designated OHV routes for an existing OHV Opportunity (2 points)

Explain each statement that was checked

Will make OHV use safe

8. Identification of Funding Sources - Q 8.

8. Funds for implementing the completed plan have been identified 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ No (No points) ☒ Yes (5 points)

Explain 'Yes' response

BLM internal funds to construct gates or fill in shafts.

Reference Document

Financial and Business Management System.

9. Offsite Impacts - Q 9.

9. The Planning Project would address offsite impacts relative to the Project Area (e.g., sound, fugitive dust, runoff): 0

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☒ No (No points)

☐ Yes (5 points)

Explain 'Yes' response